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SUBJ: MATSUMOTO KIDNAPPING

REF: SAN SALVADOR 3340

1. KIDNAPPING OF JAPANESE BUSINESSMAN FUJIO MATSUMOTO REMAINS UNSOLVED BUT HAS BEEN HEADLINE MATERIAL DURING PAST WEEK IN SAN SALVADOR.

2. EARLY IN JULY, GOES ESTIMATE THAT MATSUMOTO IS DEAD (SEE REFTEL) SURFACED PROMINENTLY IN ALL LOCAL NEWS MEDIA.

3. MATSUMOTO FAMILY AND INSINCA COMPANY DECLINED TO ACCEPT THIS AS CONCLUSIVE AND CONTINUED TO PUBLISH HUMANITARIAN APPEALS ADDRESSED TO "FARN" KIDNAPPERS. MOST RECENTLY ARCHBISHOP ROMERO HAS JOINED IN SUCH PUBLIC APPEALS AND OFFERED HIMSELF
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AS AN INTERMEDIARY.

4. ABOUT ONE WEEK AGO BODY OF A MURDERED MALE SURFACED IN ARTIFICIAL LAKE AT CERRON GRANDE. IT WAS PROMPTLY BURIED NEARBY BUT NOT UNTIL THOSE PRESENT HAD NOTED A PRESUMED SIMILARITY TO PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF MATSUMOTO. CONDITION OF FACE WAS SUCH, HOWEVER, THAT NO POSITIVE IDENTI-

FICATION WAS POSSIBLE--NOR EVEN FIRM CONCLUSION AS TO WHETHER
DECEASED WERE OCCIDENTAL OR ORIENTAL.

5. BODY WAS EXHUMED ON FRIDAY, JULY 7, FOR PURPOSE OF OF-
FICIAL IDENTIFICATION. MATSUMOTO'S 23-YEAR OLD SON ARRIVED
FROM TOKYO TO ASSIST. BASED UPON DENTAL CHARACTERISTICS,
ABSENCE OF ONE IDENTIFYING SCAR, AND OTHER DATA, IT WAS OF-
FICIALLY DECIDED THAT CORPSE WAS NOT
RPT NOT THAT OF MATSUMOTO.

6. IN WAKE OF THESE EVENTS, MATSUMOTO FAMILY HAS RESTATED
ITS FAITH THAT MATSUMOTO IS STILL ALIVE AND HAS RENEWED
APPEAL TO "FARN" TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR HIS
RELEASE.
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